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Acknowledgement of IAC Contributions to CIA Publications

1. Our reaction to the proposal that credit lines be given to IAC agencies for their contributions is negative for the following reasons:

(a) Credit lines are unnecessary because it is assumed that the IAC agencies participate in the preparation of CIA papers. There are very few, if any, papers that do not contain some IAC material. This is inherent in the organization of CIA; no special notation to that effect is required.

(b) They are impractical because the extent of IAC participation in any paper would be very difficult to identify after CIA had prepared the final draft and the coordination process had been completed. It is doubtful that all of the agencies would desire credit lines after their material had been thus modified. The nature and extent of such recognition would become a matter for time-consuming negotiation.

(c) Credit lines are undesirable because these papers are CIA issuances. If detailed credit lines are given, they will become combined papers and, therefore, not within the purpose of the directives.

2. It is our understanding that Mr. Rabbitt agrees that credit lines should not be used and desires a reply prepared with three reasons for this position. The above are suggested for this purpose.

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